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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 HUNTERS CAPITAL, LLC et al.

Case No. 2:20-cv-00983-TSZ

10 Plaintiffs,

DECLARATION OF ED HUTCHISON IN
SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
PARTICIPATE AS *AMICUS CURIAE*

11 v.

12 CITY OF SEATTLE,

13 Defendant.

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15 Ed Hutchison declares:

16 1. I am the President of the National Police Association (“NPA”) and make this
17 Declaration in support of NPA’s motion for leave to appear as *amicus curiae* in this action.

18 2. The NPA is a Delaware 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, EIN 82-0647764,
19 founded to educate supporters of law enforcement in how to help police departments accomplish
20 their goals.

21 3. In addition to education, the NPA uses a dynamic combination of assertive legal
22 filings, in-depth investigations, and clear communications to advance a mission of combating the
23 influence of anti-police activists and helping to hold them accountable. The NPA uses the law as
24 a method to highlight abuses by anti-police elected officials, change behavior, and seek corrective
25 action. In addition, it promotes policies that encourage public officials and citizens to work with
26 police in the public interest.

1 4. The NPA considers this case to be of special significance in that the City of
2 Seattle's decision to foster the lawless area known as the "Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone" and
3 other names raises profound questions as to the lawful use and nonuse of police forces which are
4 of great political and legal significance. The NPA believes that decisions such as the City's, where
5 violence against persons and property is likely to result, and which are explained by desires to
6 support the political perspective of particular lawless groups rather than being the product of
7 insufficient enforcement resources, infringe the fundamental constitutional rights of law-abiding
8 Americans.

9 5. The NPA can and will provide a police-oriented perspective to the Court that, in
10 light of current political conflicts over policing in the City of Seattle, is not likely to reach the
11 Court from defendant City. The NPA is also better situated to provide this perspective than the
12 plaintiffs. We believe that the Court would benefit by adding the law enforcement perspective to
13 the plaintiffs' and municipal avoidance of liability perspectives in the case.

14 I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

15 DATED this 11th day of November.

Ed Hobb

Ed Hutchison